

JR6-1-101 Legislative ethics.

- (1) The Utah Legislature consists of people who work part-time and must necessarily earn their living in other jobs and professions.
- (2) It is necessary to reconcile the functions of privately employed legislators who have their own private interests with the maintenance of high ethical standards and public confidence.
- (3) In seeking to balance these interests, it is necessary to avoid controls that might be so strict that they discourage capable and honorable persons from entering legislative service.
- (4) It is recognized that public confidence in the Legislature should be promoted and that competent members should serve in the Legislature even though most of them have private interests of various types.
- (5) It is also recognized that a citizen legislator is in a different position in doing business with the state and its political subdivisions than a public servant whose chief source of livelihood is derived from public funds.